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SUBJECT: ZAIRE ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

REF: KINSHASA 10580

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT GOZ HAS NATIONALIZED ALL PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORSHIPS IN ZAIRE.
 2. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS SOONEST. IF REPORT IS ACCURATE, WE WOULD NEED UPDATING OF BACKGROUND INFO CONTAINED REFTEL, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT GOZ BELIEVED RECENT POL SHORTAGES CAUSED IN PART BY MULTINATIONAL FIRMS DIVERTING POL FROM GOZ TO SERVE OTHER NEEDS. IF THIS PLAYED ROLE IN GOZ DECISION, THEN HOW WOULD NATIONALIZATION DECREE SOLVE PROBLEM?
 3. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY ESTIMATE OF COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY THAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WOULD BE OFFERED OIL FIRMS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE COMPENSATION FORMULA, SIMILAR TO THAT ARRANGED WITH UNION MINIERE. RUSH
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